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The Time to Learn is Now

Which takes precedence, study or deed? Rabbi Tarfon and Rabbi Akiva debated the merits of the two, with Rabbi Tarfon stating: "Deeds are greater." Rabbi Akiva responded: "Study is greater, for study brings about deeds (B.T. *Kiddushin*).

Nearly two thousand years later, our tradition continues to value both deeds and study. The Park Avenue Synagogue community distinguishes itself through its involvement with social action projects, our High School Food Pantry, our *Bikur Cholim* committee and others. I am eagerly looking forward to our annual Vicki K. Wimpfheimer Mitzvah Day, a day that will undoubtedly lead to many more days filled with good deeds.

And yet as the new year of synagogue programming opens, it is clear to me that we follow Rabbi Akiva's way of thinking. The amount of learning that will begin this fall astounds me. Our schools – the Early Childhood Center, the Congregational School and the Judah Nadich High School are off to a great start and we are pressing to make them even better.

For adults, there are opportunities every day of the week. Monday nights are filled with Hebrew and synagogue skills classes. Tuesday nights feature classes taught by the P.A.S. clergy and a series of opportunities to study with scholars from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

I am particularly thrilled that P.A.S. will be hosting the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School. Adults who sign up for this opportunity on either Wednesday nights or Thursday mornings, will experience an internationally acclaimed learning curriculum, both sophisticated and accessible (no prerequisites or



Hebrew required). Comprehensive, engaging and pluralistic, this class will give you the building blocks from which to build a lifetime of learning.

Our midtown lunch and learn sessions will continue, as will our Tuesday and Thursday mid-day learning in the synagogue. Rabbi Rein and I will continue teaching classes each week following minyan, and our Shabbat morning study sessions continue in the Library before services. The list goes on and on, from Moonbeams to holiday-themed workshops, to JTS evenings of study in private homes, Shabbat dinner guest speakers, monthly Friday morning ECC parent sessions and beyond. We are even hoping to begin a monthly class for adults during Congregational School weekday afternoon hours when Rabbi Rein and I will teach an exciting new Mitzvah Initiative curriculum offered by JTS.

I could not be prouder of our ambitions in the area of adult learning. As Rabbi Akiva knew way back then, Torah study is the foundation for all our other Jewish endeavors. Signing up for a class is also, without a doubt, the single best way to meet people in the community – regardless of the topic! As we begin this new year, I encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunities awaiting you at the synagogue. As another famous rabbi, Hillel, once advised, "Do not say, 'when I have free time I shall study,' for you may perhaps never have any free time." (*Mishnah Avot*)

To learn more about what is going on, or to reserve your place, please contact Rabbi Julia Andelman in the Department of Lifelong Learning: jandelman@pasyn.org. The time to sign up to learn is now. I look forward to seeing you in class.

תשרי-חשוון

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COVER: "You shall live in booths for seven days." —Vayikra (Leviticus) 23:42. Lulav and other symbols used throughout the Bulletin are adapted from the Adolph Gottlieb stained glass windows found in the Appleman Chapel and Lobby of P.A.S.

A Message from the Chairman, Steven M. Friedman

The most joyous time of year

As our community transitions from the solemnity of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to the festivity of Sukkot and Simhat Torah, I hope that our High Holy Day services brought spiritual renewal and meaning to each of you. We now look forward to sharing the "Season of our Rejoicing," as Sukkot is also called, and to honoring two of our members on Simhat Torah on October 11.

Tradition suggests that this is the most joyous time of year as two annual cycles are completed.

With Sukkot we complete the cycle of Passover (freedom) Shavuot (receipt of the Torah) and Sukkot (living in the desert in freedom under God's constant care). With Simhat Torah we end and begin anew the reading of the Torah.

We also begin the cycle of a new year in our schools, lifelong learning and programming and community events at Park Avenue Synagogue. Our clergy, professional staff, and lay leaders are diligently at work planning events to stimulate our intellect, move us spiritually, and create and renew friendships. Over this year we plan Shabbat dinners at P.A.S. and at members' homes, frequent speakers, learning opportunities to accommodate a variety of schedules and of course major events such as the New Members Reception, Book Fair, Shabbaton, Gala, Festival celebrations for all ages, and celebrating the importance of Israel to this community throughout the year.

Rabbi Cosgrove and I aim for the diversity of our programming beyond the sanctuary experience – daily Minyan, Shabbat and Festival services – to meet the needs of all of our



members. We encourage everyone to participate in some additional aspect of synagogue life this year. Let us make this "Season of Rejoicing" a rejoicing of the Park Avenue Synagogue community and make this community a more important part of every member's life this year.

A wonderful tradition continues this year on Simhat Torah as we honor two valued members of our community. Karen Smul and Richard S. Green are this year's honorees. Each has demonstrated an ongoing commitment through their time and efforts to make life at Park Avenue Synagogue warmer and more welcoming.

Karen was married to Spencer at P.A.S., enrolled all three of their children in the ECC and Congregational School and has volunteered on many committees. Her substantial photographic talents – on view in the current exhibit in our Gallery – have created fond memories of many synagogue events such as the celebration of our 125th anniversary Torah dedication and Rabbi Cosgrove's installation.

Richard and his wife Elaine have been members for fifteen years and have educated their son at our schools. Richard has participated in many aspects of synagogue life, including both of the Israel trips, and has ably served on many board committees including the Rabbinic and Cantorial Search Committees and the Education Committee.

Thank you again for being part of the Park Avenue Synagogue community. I look forward to seeing you all as we celebrate these and other wonderful moments together this year.

Reservation form: NOVEMBER 6 CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT DINNER

Congregational Shabbat Dinner | November 6 | 7:30 pm | following the 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service | \$ ②

Rabbi Julie Schonfeld, Executive Vice President of the Rabbinical Assembly, will speak on "The Road Ahead: How the Unique Perspective of Conservative Judaism Can Lead the Jewish Community in the 21st Century"

\$ ② Reservations are required for dinner. \$35/person. Payment is necessary to confirm your reservation.

To register, please complete form below and return with payment to Department of Lifelong Learning at P.A.S.; or email lifelonglearning@pasyn.org, or call 212-369-2600, x140.

For information, contact Rabbi Julia Andelman at x142 or jandelman@pasyn.org.



Number of people attending/\$35 each:

Total enclosed/authorized: \$

Name:

Address (include apt.#):

Phone (day, evening):

Email:

My check is enclosed (payable to Park Avenue Synagogue) in the amount of: _____

Or charge my (check one): MC Visa AmEx

Name on card:

Card number/Expiration date:

Signature:

I authorize use of my credit card currently on file with P.A.S.

Welcome to our New Senior Staff

Julia Andelman

Rabbinic Director of Lifelong Learning



Rabbi Julia Andelman joined Park Avenue Synagogue as the Rabbinic Director of Lifelong Learning in August 2009. A native of Newton and Brookline, Massachusetts, Rabbi Andelman received her rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary and her B.A. in Visual Arts from Harvard. Between college and rabbinical school, she spent three years engaged in intensive text study at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem, where she also worked part-time in recruitment, publicity, curriculum development, and general administration.

Before joining P.A.S., Rabbi Andelman served most recently as the spiritual leader of Congregation Shaare Zedek on the Upper West Side. Previously she served as the part-time interim spiritual leader of Beth Jacob Synagogue in Hamilton, Ontario and as the rabbinic intern at Congregation Ansche Chesed in Manhattan. Rabbi Andelman also worked extensively with Kehilat Hadar in Manhattan in a variety of leadership capacities over the course of five years.

Rabbi Andelman has taught widely, especially in the areas of Talmud and prayer, at a broad range of Jewish institutions. She

is a highly regarded *ba'alat tefilah* (prayer leader) and collector and teacher of Jewish liturgical music. Her most recent CD is *The Bedtime Sh'ma*, a compilation of Jewish lullabies that serves as a companion to a children's book of the same name. (Both the CD and the book are in the Edmond de Rothschild Library.) Rabbi Andelman was also the Artistic Director of *Pri Eitz Hadar*, a CD of prayer melodies from different Jewish musical traditions. Rabbi Andelman also composes melodies for Jewish liturgical and biblical texts.

In 2008 Rabbi Andelman was named one of "36 Under 36" by *The Jewish Week*, recognizing innovative young leaders working to reshape the landscape of Jewish life in New York. She is a proud member of Rabbis for Human Rights North America and Keshet Rabbis (gay-friendly Conservative rabbis). Rabbi Andelman is thrilled to be joining Park Avenue Synagogue and looks forward to building meaningful and transformative educational experiences in partnership with the P.A.S. community.

Julia can be reached at 212 369-2600, x142 or jandelman@pasyn.org.

Guest Speaker: NOVEMBER 6 CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT DINNER



Rabbi Julie Schonfeld is the Executive Vice President of the Rabbinical Assembly (RA), the international association of Conservative/Masorti rabbis. Previously, she served as Director of Rabbinic Development for the Rabbinical Assembly. In this capacity, Rabbi Schonfeld oversaw many issues pertaining to the professional placement, support, and advanced training of rabbis. Rabbi Schonfeld has initiated numerous projects on behalf of the RA that touch on areas including early career mentoring; mediation and dispute resolution; and professional boundaries and ethics. Rabbi Schonfeld oversaw a landmark study comparing career advancement in the rabbinate by gender and spearheaded several new initiatives pertaining to women rabbis' advancement. She represents the RA on the Executive Committee of the Hekhsher Tzedek Initiative which is developing an ethical certification for the production of kosher food products. From 1996- 2001, Julie Schonfeld served as Rabbi of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, an historic congregation on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. There, she developed an

innovative experiential religious school and Touchstones, a landmark learning initiative that inspired adults to greatly enhance their Jewish knowledge, observance and commitment through their own talents. Rabbi Schonfeld received her BA with honors from Yale University and her Masters Degree and Rabbinic Ordination from JTS.

תשרי-חשוֹן Schedule of Religious Services

Daily minyanim Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sunday and legal holidays at 9:00 am. **Minha** Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm.
Hashkama Saturdays and Yom Tov at 7:30 except on Saturday, October 10, Shemini Atzeret at 7:00 am. **Changes are noted when they occur.**

Friday, October 2 14 Tishrei

Candle lighting, 6:20 pm
Erev Sukkot
6:15 pm Musical Shabbat/Sukkot Service

Saturday, October 3 15 Tishrei

Sukkot, 1st Day
7:30 am Hashkama Service
9:15 am Sanctuary Service honoring the yahrzeit of Cantor Puttermann, z"l
Bar Mitzvah of Jack Evan Zivitofsky, son of Adam & Ilane Zivitofsky
9:30 am Havurah Service
6:45 pm Minha/Maariv Service
7:20 pm Candle lighting

Sunday, October 4 16 Tishrei

Sukkot, 2nd Day
7:30 am Hashkama Service
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
10:30 am Family Sukkot Service
6:45 pm Minha/Maariv Service

Monday, October 5 17 Tishrei

Sukkot, 3rd Day (1st day Hol ha-Moed)
7:15 am Morning Service
5:45 pm Minha/Maariv Service

Tuesday, October 6 18 Tishrei

Sukkot, 4th Day (2nd day Hol ha-Moed)
7:15 am Morning Service
5:45 pm Minha/Maariv Service

Wednesday, October 7 19 Tishrei

Sukkot, 5th Day (3rd day Hol ha-Moed)
7:15 am Morning Service
5:45 pm Minha/Maariv Service

Thursday, October 8 20 Tishrei

Sukkot, 6th Day (4th day Hol ha-Moed)
7:15 am Morning Service
5:45 pm Minha/Maariv Service

Friday, October 9 21 Tishrei

Candle lighting, 6:08 pm
Hoshana Rabba
7:00 am Morning Service *note early start
6:15 pm Shabbat/Shemini Atzeret Service
October Birthday Service
7:00 pm Mizrach Minyan

Saturday, October 10 22 Tishrei

Shemini Atzeret
7:00 am Hashkama Service
9:15 am Sanctuary Service (Yizkor)
Bar Mitzvah of Joel Rosenberg, son of Robert & Sonia Benatar Rosenberg
6:30 pm Minha Service
7:00 pm Simhat Torah Evening Service
7:08 pm Candle lighting

Sunday, October 11 23 Tishrei

Simhat Torah
7:00 am Hashkama Simhat Torah Service
9:15 am Simhat Torah Service
6:45 pm Minha/Maariv Service

Monday, October 12 24 Tishrei

9:00 am Morning Service

Friday, October 16 28 Tishrei

Candle lighting, 5:57 pm
5:00 pm Young Families Shabbat Service
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, October 17 29 Tishrei

Parashat B'reishit
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bat Mitzvah of Etty Saffar, daughter of Jean-Marc & Claudia Saffar
10:15 am Junior Congregation
6:15 pm Minha/Maariv Service

Friday, October 23 5 Heshvan

Candle lighting, 5:47 pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, October 24 6 Heshvan

Parashat Noah
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bat/Bar Mitzvah of Frankie & Daniel Kastenbaum, children of Fred & Karen Kastenbaum
9:30 am Havurah
10:15 am Junior Congregation
6:00 pm Minha/Maariv Service

Friday, October 30 12 Heshvan

Candle lighting, 5:38 pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, October 31 13 Heshvan

Parashat Lekh L'kha
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bar Mitzvah of Eric Helfgott, son of Anita Cela & David Helfgott
10:00 am Shabbat B'yachad
5:45 pm Minha/Maariv Service

Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove and Rabbi Steven I. Rein will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor Nancy Abramson, Cantor Elana Cohen, Cantor Azi Schwartz and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

חבורה Havurah

Saturdays, October 3, 24 | 9:30 am
The Havurah is an informal, lay-led Shabbat morning service. People of all ages and skill levels attend and take turns leading and reading parts of the service.

מנין מזרח Mizrach Minyan

Friday, October 9 | 7:00 pm
The Mizrach Minyan or East Side Minyan meets on the second Friday evening of every month. A spirited group of young professionals, the Minyan aims to combine spiritual davening with meaningful teaching to create a *kehillah kedoshah*, a holy community.

מנין לימוד Learners' Minyan

Saturday, October 17 | 10:15 – 11:15 am
Are you curious about Shabbat services? Eager to understand more about the liturgy? Would you like to learn the choreography of a morning service? The Learners' Minyan is for you. It will meet on the third Shabbat of every month. Come learn the Shabbat morning service in a relaxed, intimate group.

ברכות Birthday Blessings

Friday, October 9 | 6:15 pm
Our celebration for children born this month takes place during the regular Friday Evening Service and includes a small gift for birthday children as well as a festive Kiddush. For more information, contact the Rabbis' office.



Honoring Our Members At *Simhat Torah*

Sunday, October 11 | 9:15 am

Park Avenue Synagogue follows the tradition of honoring people who have made significant contributions to the life of our synagogue and to the Jewish community with special *aliyot* on Simhat Torah. This year we will call up Richard S. Green as *Hatan Torah*, honored with the last reading from the Torah as we finish the cycle of Torah reading. We will honor Karen Smul as *Kallat B'reishit*, honored with the first reading from the Torah as we begin the cycle for the new year.

Richard S. Green

Richard S. Green's participation in the Park Avenue Synagogue community has been one of the most rewarding associations of his adult life. In his experience, "everything in the synagogue does nothing but get better."

Richard grew up in a dedicated and involved Reform Jewish family. He married Elaine Gilde, whose background was Conservative. When they set out to go shul-shopping, they visited P.A.S., and Richard fell in love.

Richard discovered that Shabbat services at P.A.S. are magnificent, but that to appreciate them, he had to learn about what's going on. He came, he paid attention, he learned. He took an Introductory Prayer Book Hebrew class and not only learned to read the siddur, but also made friends at the shul. That led to finding even more meaning in services. Richard was hooked. He's a Shabbat morning regular and also likes to come on Sunday evening, when his presence may be essential to make the minyan.



Meanwhile, Richard and Elaine's son Sam has attended the ECC and the Congregational School, which led to the family's making more friends. They went on the unforgettable first congregational trip to Israel, and in 2005, Richard became a trustee. More involvement led to more involvement. Richard pictures his Jewish journey not as a path, but as concentric circles, in which he goes deeper and deeper, while experiencing wider and wider ripples.

For Richard, the treasure at the center remains Shabbat services, including hearing the full Torah reading. After taking a cantillation class with Cantor Abramson, he read Torah for the first time in Jerusalem on the 2007 congregational trip. He will read his own *aliyah* on Simhat Torah morning. It means especially much to Richard to read this passage, describing the death of Moses, because the first reading he ever did was about the birth of Moses.

Richard loves the ritual, music, and learning at P.A.S., but

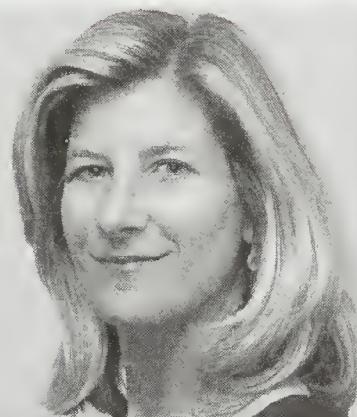
Richard S. Green *continued*

above all the people, whom he finds truly remarkable – both the lay leaders and the professionals. He appreciates that there are so many pathways into the P.A.S. community – worship, classes, Arms programs, the schools, and minyanim. The only thing Richard can imagine changing about P.A.S. is for a larger proportion of the membership to become involved as he has, and to enjoy the congregational community as he does. On second thought, he points out that P.A.S. is always changing, following the dictum to “keep the best and improve the rest.” Richard feels fortunate to have had so many opportunities to be involved in P.A.S. – with the Religious Protocol Committee, the Education

Committee (the central function of what we do, he says) and the Interim Rabbi and Cantorial Search Committees. Each committee he’s served on has been an opportunity to learn, from other congregation members as well as from the clergy.

Richard is deeply grateful that he and Elaine have had the joy of bringing up Sam at P.A.S. among good friends who share values. He can imagine no greater honor than to be recognized by the synagogue in the context of a holiday service, a Torah reading, and ceremonies that celebrate the continuity of the Torah and our congregation’s commitment to Torah education and Torah practice.

Karen Smul



For Karen Smul, Park Avenue Synagogue is the family *shul*. When Karen was planning her wedding, she and her mother looked at synagogue after synagogue in the city. The moment they stepped into the sanctuary at P.A.S., they knew they had found the right setting. Spencer and Karen were married in November 1989, with Rabbi Lincoln co-officiating with Rabbi Horn from Karen’s childhood congregation, the Summit, New Jersey, JCC.

The young couple did not join the synagogue right away, but Karen thought that when she had children, she’d want them to attend preschool here. Karen returned to her work as an intellectual property attorney when her first child was an infant. A woman partner in the firm told her that if she wanted the baby to go to preschool, she’d better join the congregation immediately. Karen was surprised she had to think of preschool when the baby was only months old, but she took the advice.

Since then, Abigail, Emily and Henry have attended the ECC and the Congregational School. Both girls celebrated their B’not Mitzvah at P.A.S. and Henry will become Bar Mitzvah next June. Karen’s parents moved from New Jersey and joined P.A.S. Her sister and her sister’s family are also members, and their brother and his family belong to a nearby synagogue.

Fellow preschool parents became Karen and Spencer’s best friends. They pray together, socialize, and have supported each

other through the ECC and Congregational School, through the Bar Mitzvah years and now, through SAT’s and college applications. Karen doesn’t promote herself, but when someone else suggests she take a job, she volunteers. She has served as a benefit chair for the ECC and was active in the Congregational School parents’ association. She joined the P.A.S. Advisory Board in 2007 and has served on the Education and Gallery Committees.

Many congregants at P.A.S. know Karen as a photographer. She generously gives her time to record P.A.S. events, from the annual gala to the 125th anniversary Torah project, Rabbi Cosgrove’s installation, and Cantor Lefkowitz’ farewell service and reception. Karen’s business is devoted to taking photos for nonprofit institutions which they use for websites, brochures, and archives. A number of Karen’s photographs are on view in the current P.A.S. Gallery Show.

Karen finds that Park Avenue Synagogue is like the city – a large community made up of many smaller “neighborhoods.” Her neighborhood has been the fellowship of parents who have children the ages of hers. She loves that the synagogue’s many classes, discussion groups, services, Arms and Committees provide Jewish homes away from home for fellow congregants whom she may not yet have met, but who are part of her synagogue family.

“One who can cause others to give has a greater reward than the giver.” —Shulchan Aruch, 249:5



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Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings



REPAIR THE '09 WORLD

cheer to the seniors at the Jewish Home and Hospital. Space is limited for these activities and pre-registration is required. See the November Bulletin and www.pasyn.org for more details.

All donations must be in very good or new condition. Please gather men's, women's and children's clothing, coats and accessories; toys and sporting goods; cell phones; eye glasses; housewares; CDs and videos; and bric-a-brac. *No books and no stuffed animals, please.*

In addition to volunteers on Mitzvah Day, help is needed for setup Saturday night and for packing up on Sunday after the event.

To volunteer, please contact Erica Choset at ericachoset@gmail.com or Karen Deutsch at kdeutsch@hearst.com.

If you are interested in offsite projects, please contact Stacey Keller at stacey_berg@msn.com.

For the Jewish Home and Hospital project, contact Marcia Stone at Mstone8072@aol.com.

Sukkot and Simhat Torah Fair | Through October 9 | Edmond de Rothschild Library

Expanding from the Library's popular Haggadah Fair, this year there will be Festival Fairs to support home celebrations of more holidays. As at last spring's Haggadah Fair, families will find activity suggestions and resource sheets as well as items for sale. Story times for children of different ages will be held during the Fairs at times to be announced.

Young Families Shabbat Service and Dinner | Friday, October 16 | 5:00 pm | ©

Families with young children – infants to 6-year-olds and their siblings – are invited to join our clergy for Kabbalat Shabbat services, followed immediately by a child-friendly buffet dinner.

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Young Families Mission to Israel Informational Meetings

Come to whichever meeting is more convenient:

Thursday, October 22 | 6:30 pm

Friday, October 23 | 9:15 am

Join Rabbi Cosgrove and fellow congregants for a Young Families Mission to Israel. See Israel through your children's eyes and experience our homeland like never before. This trip is planned for families with children ages 4-8 (and their siblings). Grandparents are welcome. Space is limited.

Trip dates: June 19 (pm departure) – June 30, 2010 (am arrival).

If you are interested in this exciting trip, please contact Rabbi Julia Andelman at jandelman@pasyn.org or Renatt Brodsky at rbrodsky@pasyn.org or call either of them at 212-369-2600.

Reclaiming Shabbat | Friday, October 23 | RSVP by October 13 | ©

All members who joined P.A.S. in 2009 are invited to Shabbat dinners in homes of other congregants. Come build friendships and create a warm, friendly Shabbat experience. Space is limited.

© To reserve your place for dinner, please contact Heidi Drassinower at hdrassinower@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x111.

Singles Committee Singles Event – Save the Date | Tuesday, October 20

For more information contact Les Agisim at termadv@aol.com.

Get Ready for Vicki K. Wimpfheimer Mitzvah Day | Sunday, November 22, 2009

Prepare to Repair the World with Your P.A.S. Community

It's time now to begin collecting goods to donate. On November 22, the entire P.A.S. community will work together to improve the world for those in need nearby and in Israel. Choose among activities including creating crafts, making sandwiches, donating blood, knitting hats for IDF soldiers, packaging Thanksgiving meals with the High School Food Pantry, and corresponding with Jewish American soldiers overseas.

New this year – offsite Mitzvah Day activities! Some of us will visit the homebound elderly with DOROT; prepare a meal for low-income adults with Metropolitan Council; or join our Cantors to bring

cheer to the seniors at the Jewish Home and Hospital. Space is limited for these activities and pre-registration is required. See the November Bulletin and www.pasyn.org for more details.

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Tikkun Olam

Tikkun Olam Knitting Project

Calling all Knitters and Wannabe Knitters! Tikkun Olam is starting a knitting group to create warm gifts for folks who need them. Everyone is invited – all skill levels, ages, and genders. Our first project will be to knit caps for soldiers in the IDF (Israel Defense Forces). We plan to meet in congregants' homes; if enough people are interested, we will have both day and evening sessions. An instructor will be there to help beginners and anyone who has questions. **If you are interested, please contact Lynn Schneider at lschneider@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x105 and let us know whether you would prefer a day or an evening meeting. Looking forward to knitting together!**

Sisterhood

Yiddish Club | Tuesday, October 13 | 1:00 pm

Lomir ale redn tzusammen! The Yiddish Club will hold its monthly meeting in the Rothschild Library. Join our warm and friendly group for conversation and culture, coffee and cake.

For more information and a schedule of meetings, call Florence Solomon at 212-369-3856.

Sisterhood Museum Visit | "Dutch New York Between East and West: The World of Margrieta Van Varick" | \$[©]

Thursday, October 15 | 1:00 pm | Bard Graduate Center for Studies in the Decorative Arts, Design, and Culture

All are welcome to join Sisterhood for a guided tour of this exhibit – part of the citywide celebration of the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's arrival in New York Harbor, which led to the founding of New Amsterdam by the Dutch. Margrieta Van Varick (1649-1695) was born in the Netherlands but spent most of her life in the extremities of the Dutch colonial world, in Malacca and Brooklyn. While she was in Brooklyn, she operated a textile business. The exhibit explores the life, times, and possessions of this fascinating woman and her family.

Meet the Sisterhood group in the lobby of the Bard Graduate Center, 18 East 86th Street, at 12:45 pm.

Cost: \$4.00 per person; a member of Sisterhood will collect the money and pay admission for the group.

[©] Please RSVP by October 9 to Helene Agress at 212-362-1233.

Sisterhood Lunch, Film & Discussion: *The Rape of Europa* | Tuesday, October 20 | 1:00 pm

During the Second World War, the Nazis systematically stole paintings, sculptures, tapestries, silver, porcelain, and rare books from museums, churches and private collections, including much that belonged to Jewish families. This acclaimed documentary provides a riveting account of what happened and describes efforts to locate and return the stolen art after the War. All are invited to see the film and enjoy a light lunch.

Yiddish Club in the Evening | Tuesday, October 22 | 7:00 pm

Experience the warmth, humor and irony of Yiddish culture! Sylvia and Zane Liff will share stories and poetry, and Cantor Elana Cohen will sing. Together they will open a window onto a culture that reflects a thousand years of Jewish happiness and sorrow in the Ashkenazic world of Central and Eastern Europe. Refreshments will be served.

Sisterhood and WEG Brunch & Architectural Synagogue Tour | Sunday, October 25 | [©]

Join women from 34 other MetroNorth Region Conservative synagogues for a stimulating social and educational event: Brunch in members' homes, followed by an exclusive architectural synagogue tour led by Dr. Vivian Mann, director of the Master's Program in Jewish Art and Visual Culture at JTS and former Morris and Eva Feld Chair of Judaica at The Jewish Museum. on Sundays, January 10 and February 21, Women's League groups from Rockland, Westchester and the Metropolitan Area will again join to socialize over lunch and enjoy cultural experiences.

[©] For more information, please contact Tamara Spolan, WLCJ M/N Education V.P., at tspol@netzero.net or 917-596-8599.

WEG

WEG Theater Evening: *Sholom Aleichem: Laughter Through Tears* | Thursday, Nov. 12 | 8:00 pm | \$[©]

Starring Theodore Bikel. Followed by a Champagne Reception with Mr. Bikel and the cast.

Special Guest: Bel Kaufman, granddaughter of Sholom Aleichem will speak. Rose Nagelberg Theatre of Baruch University, 25th St between 3rd & Lex Aves. Tickets: WEG Members, \$35 per person; Non-members, \$45.

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Synagogue Family

Welcome

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

Rachel & Jason Adler
Lana Rose & John Edelman
Melanie Grossman
Dena & Mark Hirsch
Madeleine & Mark Lebwohl

Stephanie & Stephen Levey
Sandy & Jonathan Merrill
Felicia & Gary Nachman
Nancy Kuhn & Bernard Nussbaum
Doris & Martin Payson

Andrea & Craig Seitel
Daphne & Andrew Silverstein
Heidi & Simon Tarsh
Diane & Stephen Volk

Celebrating a *Simcha*?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, or anything else for which you are grateful? Sponsor a breakfast *kiddush* any weekday after our Morning *Minyan*.

For more information, contact Lynn Schneider at 212-369-2600, x105 or lschneider@pasyn.org.

B'nei Mitzvah

Jack Evan Zivitofsky | October 3



Jack Zivitofsky is excited to be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on Sukkot, one of his favorite holidays. He does not remember his first meal in the P.A.S. sukkah, because he has eaten under it every year since he was born. He has been a member of the P.A.S. community “forever,” beginning in the ECC Purple Room and now attending the High School.

Jack is a student at The Dalton School, where he plays football, basketball and baseball. Jack’s favorite subjects are History and Math. He has no idea what he wants to do as an adult; he is open to the adventures and experiences life will bring.

This summer was Jack’s second year at the Raquette Lake Boys Camp, where he has made some great friends. He loves the beauty and activities of the Adirondacks and the opportunity to be remote from city life.

Jack and his family thank all the clergy and teachers who helped him prepare for his Bar Mitzvah.

Joel Rosenberg | October 10



Joel Rosenberg has been a member of Park Avenue Synagogue his entire life. He had his *brit milah* here, attended preschool at the Early Childhood Center, and continued his Jewish education at the Congregational School. What he likes best about P.A.S. is learning about the Torah. Living around the corner from the synagogue, Joel has been coming to classes and to Bar Mitzvah tutoring sessions on his own, showing that as he becomes a Bar Mitzvah, he is ready to take responsibility for his continued Jewish learning.

Joel is an 8th grade student at The Child School. His favorite subject is social studies and he especially likes learning about history. Joel enjoys studying traffic patterns and thinks he might like to work someday to direct and improve city traffic conditions. Meteorology is another of his interests.

Joel and his family thank his tutor, Jonathan Schultz, for helping him prepare for his Bar Mitzvah. Joel is also grateful to Cantor Elana Cohen for helping him study his Torah portion and to Rabbi Cosgrove and Marga Hirsch for guiding him in writing his *dvar Torah*.

Etty Saffar | October 17



Etty Saffar has attended the P.A.S. Congregational School from the time her family moved to New York City from Boston, when she was in first grade. She is now an 8th grader at the Lycée Français de New York.

Etty’s great love is art, which she does at school as well as at Tripp Lake Camp in Maine, where she won the Fine Arts award last summer. She hopes to study art at university some day. She also likes to dance, and at school she participates in a different team sport each trimester.

Etty’s Torah portion is *parashat B’reishit*. She has enjoyed discovering how she can learn about human qualities and relationships from the characters in the Torah – Adam and Eve and their family.

Etty and her family thank her tutor, Ronit, Cantor Abramson and Rabbi Cosgrove for helping her prepare to celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families.

Jo Anne (David) Small *on the loss of her mother, Marion Heckler*
The entire P.A.S. community on the loss of former member Leon Jolson
 Francine (Larry) Fabian *on the loss of her mother, Dorothy Keller*
 Barbara (Alan) Jacobs *on the loss of her mother, Sylvia Schlissel*
Lynn Schneider on the loss of her mother, Melanie Schneider,
former Assistant Executive Director of Park Avenue Synagogue
 Andrew (Erica) Goldberg Schultz *on the loss of his father, Robert Schultz*



Save the date

Memorial Service for beloved teacher Vivian Finkel | Sunday, November 8 | 11:00 am

בני מצוה

Frankie and Daniel Kastenbaum | October 24

Frankie Kastenbaum began her education at the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center and has continued her religious education at the synagogue's Congregational School. She is currently in 7th Grade at the Spence School. A wonderful, hard working student, she puts her heart into everything she does.

Frankie is a strong athlete and has played basketball, volleyball and softball for Spence as well as representing her camp, Camp Echo, in tennis, basketball and softball. Frankie loves music and Broadway musicals, many of which she has been fortunate to see. She is a warm, fun-loving individual who always exhibits a smile and lust for life. Frankie is community oriented; she's always willing to help those around her. She has a strong sense of family, embracing those in England as well as in America, and she cherishes the close relationship she has with her twin brother Daniel, with whom she shares this special occasion.

Daniel Kastenbaum began his learning career at Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center and has continued his religious education at the synagogue's Congregational School. Daniel is in 7th Grade at the Riverdale Country School. His favorite subjects are Math, History and French. He is a keen reader who is an excellent student and passionate about his work.

An avid sports fan, especially of his beloved Yankees, Daniel has a keen sense of competition. He enjoys playing with his friends in Little League baseball, basketball and tennis and represented his camp, Camp Echo, in all of those sports.

Daniel is a warm and compassionate young man with a good sense of humor. He has strong feelings about doing the right thing towards others. He is a caring individual who will always extend a hand to help. Daniel has a deep sense of family and always enjoys time spent with those in England as well as America. He has a strong bond with his twin sister Frankie, with whom he shares this special occasion.



Frankie, Daniel and their family extend their heartfelt thanks to the clergy, teachers and their tutor Ronit for their guidance and constant encouragement during their preparation to become B'nei Mitzvah.

Eric Helfgott | October 31

Eric Helfgott has been a student at the P.A.S. Congregational School since he was in second grade. As an 8th grader at The Dalton School, he likes math and imagines that he'll become a doctor some day, like both his parents.

Eric is a well-rounded young man with broad interests who is always ready for a friendly conversation. He enjoys tennis and baseball. He likes books and will read "anything that's good to read" from fantasy to nonfiction.

Eric likes all the singing involved in preparing for his Bar Mitzvah. He caught on quickly to the system of cantillation and enjoys practicing his Torah and Haftarah readings.

Eric and his family thank his tutor Ronit, Cantor Abramson, Rabbi Cosgrove, Rabbi Rein, and all the teachers who have helped him prepare for his Bar Mitzvah.



Lifelong Learning: The Time to Learn is Now



Women's Torah Study | Mondays, October 5, November 2, December 14 | 7:30 pm | ☰

Robbi Julio Andelman, Instructor

Join other women in the P.A.S. community for an intimate experience of Jewish text study. This group will meet monthly in members' homes. Last year the Women's Torah Study group explored women of the Bible. This year we will include the next great genre of Jewish literature, the Talmud and other early Rabbinic texts. We will explore the role of women in these ancient stories and grapple with our own role in the Jewish community in light of our rich and complicated textual heritage. Newcomers welcome!

ⓘ For location or other questions, contact Rabbi Julia Andelman at jandelman@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x142.



Toddler Classes | Fall Semester: September 11, 2009 – January 30, 2010 | \$ ⓘ

Space is still available in the Department of Lifelong Learning's classes for children ages newborn to 3 years (accompanied by a parent, grandparent or caregiver). Classes foster a commitment and love for Jewish life in young children and their families. Cost per semester: P.A.S. Members, \$585 per child; Non-members, \$685 per child.

HaMishpachah Sheli (My Family)

Explore Jewish themes and holidays through stories, song, movement, arts & crafts and free play. Ages: 1.5 to 3 years.

Fridays:

9:30 am – 10:20 am

10:30 am – 11:20 am

11:30 am – 12:20 pm

Jewish JAMS™

Young children learn music and develop their musical potential through Shabbat and holiday songs and rituals. Ages: Newborn to 3 years.

Mondays:

9:30 am – 10:20 am

10:30 am – 11:20 am

11:30 am – 12:20 pm

ⓘ To register or for more information, email lifelonglearning@pasyn.org, or call 212-369-2600, x140.

Florence Melton Adult Mini School at P.A.S.

Classes begin this month!

P.A.S. proudly offers the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, a two-year program that provides an opportunity to engage in serious, ongoing Jewish study. The course meets for 30 sessions, ending in June. Choose from two classes: Wednesday evening, 6:45 am – 9:00 pm, beginning October 21; or Thursday morning, 9:15 am – 11:30 am, beginning October 22.

Enrollment has officially closed; to inquire if there are still spaces, contact Rabbi Julia Andelman at jandelman@pasyn.org or call 212-369-2600, x142.



**Do you know
someone ill,
elderly or
homebound?**

The P.A.S. Bikur Cholim Caring Committee reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee's trained volunteers are committed to providing confidential hands-on support and companionship to the members of our congregation.

To arrange for this mitzvah, please call Rabbi Cosgrove's office at 212-369-2600, x120. In loving memory of Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell.

“What we need more than anything else is not *textbooks*, it is *text-people*.”

—Abraham Joshua Heschel

Monday Nights: Hebrew & Prayer | Classes begin on October 19 | \$①

Trimester 1 (Fall): October 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; December 7

Trimester 2 (Winter): January 4, 11, 25; February 1, 8, 22; March 1, 8

Trimester 3 (Spring): March 15, 22; April 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17

Beginning Siddur (Prayer Book) Hebrew

Mondays | 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Dina Mann, Instructor

This class is for students interested in learning to read Hebrew or improving their proficiency in reading for prayer services – whether the daily Minyan, Shabbat or holidays. No prior knowledge of Hebrew necessary.

Synagogue Skills

Mondays | 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Cantor Elana Cohen, Instructor

Are you mystified by the structure, meaning, choreography and music of synagogue services? In this course, we will study the most common texts of the *Siddur*, the prayer book, giving students an understanding of the content as well as the practical skills to participate fully in services. The class is intended both for beginners and for people who are comfortable following along but who want a stronger foundation for their prayer experiences. Basic Hebrew reading ability recommended.

Beginning Conversational Hebrew

Mondays | 7:45 – 9:00 pm

Instructor TBD

This class is for students who want to learn Hebrew as a modern language. No prior knowledge required. The class focuses on spoken Hebrew. Reading and writing as well as speaking skills will be introduced in a fun and relaxing environment.

Intermediate Conversational Hebrew

Mondays | 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Instructor TBD

Reading, speaking, grammar, writing and increased proficiency are the goals of this class. Newcomers welcome.

Advanced Conversational Hebrew

Mondays | 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Varda Hubara, Instructor

Spend an hour conversing in Hebrew with fellow congregants! Students read, write and speak in order to build vocabulary and increase fluency. Newcomers welcome.

Lifelong Learning: Next Month

Tuesday Nights: Torah & Jewish Studies | November 3, 10, 17, 24 | \$①

Jewish Theology 101 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove, Instructor

Must a Jew believe in anything? At what point does a belief stop being Jewish? In this class we will study classical Jewish texts on Jewish belief, explore challenges to Jewish theology and begin taking steps towards constructing a viable faith for contemporary Jewry.

Married to God | 7:45-9:00 pm

Rabbi Amy Kalmanofsky, Instructor

The metaphor of Israel as God's promiscuous wife is one of the most difficult and disturbing images developed by the biblical prophets to describe God's relationship with Israel. This course will consider the origin, literary development and theological implications of this metaphor as depicted by the prophets Hosea, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. *Rabbi Amy Kalmanofsky is Assistant Professor of Bible at The Jewish Theological Seminary.*

\$① Registration required. Fee per course, per trimester: \$50/member; \$75/non member.

For registration form see Fall Program Calendar or email lifelonglearning@pasyn.org, or call 212-369-2600, x140.

For class information, contact Rabbi Julia Andelman at x142 or jandelman@pasyn.org or Cantor Cohen at x125 or ecohen@pasyn.org.

Please note that classes may be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment.



Ongoing Classes



Essential Essays | Rabbi Cosgrove | Tuesdays | 8:00 am, after morning minyan | in the Rothschild Library

Join in a discussion of Jewish philosophy, theology and thought. Pick up the essay for each week from the flyer rack on the first floor near the front desk. Class begins on October 13.



Contemporary Jewish Thought | Rabbi Rein | Tuesdays | 11:30 am | Rothschild Library

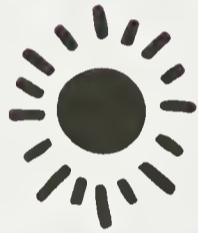
We will read and analyze Edward Feinstein's book *Jews and Judaism in the 21st Century: Human Responsibility, the Presence of God and the Future of the Covenant*. We will explore contemporary Jewish personal and communal life – its implications for *halakhah*, prayer, spirituality, the synagogue, and our relationship with the world. Class begins on October 13.

To purchase a copy of the book, please contact Heidi Drassinower at 212-369-2600, x111 or hdrassinower@pasyn.org.



Talmud Torah | Rabbi Rein | Thursdays | 8:00 am, after morning minyan | in the Rothschild Library

Wrestle with the Rabbis and learn Torah together. The group is currently studying the second chapter of *Massekhet Shabbat*, Tractate Shabbat, in the Babylonian Talmud.



Lunch & Learn | Thursdays | 11:00 am | in the Rothschild Library

Bring your lunch; coffee and tea are provided. At noon, study with one of the P.A.S. senior staff. Topics range from Israeli literature to close study of a psalm to current events through a Jewish lens. Ron Koas and Cantor Nancy Abramson will teach sessions this month.



Midtown Lunch & Learn | Rabbi Rein | Thursday, October 29 | 12:00 pm | \$ (C)

Theodicy: Why do people suffer? Why do people prosper? The Nature of Suffering from Biblical to Modern Times
Space is limited.

\$ (C) To reserve a spot and for location information, email lifelonglearning@pasyn.org or call 212-369-2600 x140.



Evening Book Discussion Group | Six Mondays during the year | 8:00 pm | in the Rothschild Library

Pat Davidson, Moderator

Next meeting: November 9. Book: *Laish* by Aharon Appelfeld. All are welcome!

ARE YOU EXPERIENCING AN UNWANTED CAREER TRANSITION?

ARE YOU LOOKING TO RETURN TO WORK?

DO YOU NEED ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN?

In response to the current economy, **UJA-Federation of New York** recently launched **Connect-to-Care**, an initiative offering a coordinated system of services to individuals in the Jewish community. Financial consultation, debt counseling, budget assistance, legal services and personal counseling are available, as well as special employment and career transition services. Due to Park Avenue Synagogue's close relationship with UJA-Federation, this program is open to all P.A.S. members.

To reach a Connect-to-Care counselor, please call 212-399-2685, x206.

Phone lines are open Monday to Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Calls are returned within one business day, excluding Jewish holidays.



UJA-Federation cares for those in need, rescues those in harm's way, and renews and strengthens Jewish people in New York, Israel and around the world. UJA-Federation's agencies typically support the poor and near-poor in our communities, however, during these unprecedented times, they have corralled their resources to help the broader Jewish community.

The School Parents Want

Ron Koas, Educational Director

A typical Religious School curriculum includes Torah study, Hebrew language, Jewish values, holidays, and history. Although many people agree that these are important subjects for Jewish children to learn, coverage of these topics in the curriculum does not guarantee that a school will meet the needs of Jewish families. Indeed, the education offered by a supplementary schools often doesn't match what families want for their children.

As an Education Director, I consider it my responsibility to be in constant conversation with parents regarding what matters to them in terms of their children's Jewish education. Schools may have the formal curricula, but parents are their children's first and most important Jewish teachers. For our school to be successful, we must be partners with parents in helping their children to grow up with positive feelings about being Jewish. We want our children to like being in synagogue, not only to know how

to read the prayer book; to enjoy holiday celebrations in addition to knowing why we eat certain foods and how to say the blessings. Through ongoing conversation, we can learn what is important to parents and then work with them to shape our school so that it meets their needs.

In my years of experience as a Jewish educator, I have learned that in addition to appropriate content, most parents want the following characteristics in a supplementary religious school:

- **Parents want their children to feel nurtured and cared about.**
- **They want teachers to be knowledgeable in developmentally-appropriate practices.**
- **They want their children to feel comfortable in and enriched by a synagogue setting.**
- **They want their children to study subjects that interest them.**
- **Parents do not want to feel that they lag behind their children in Jewish learning.**
- **Most of all, parents want their children to be happy.**

I promise to ensure that our school's atmosphere is a positive one. I know that for many parents, "Hebrew School" was a place "we've come to know and often hate." This does not have to be the case. Our Congregational School can and should be a place where children are enthusiastic about Jewish learning and where parents' voices are heard. Through both one-on-one and community-wide conversations, we can build partnerships with parents in order to create a Congregational School that children are happy to attend and parents are happy to support.

Children's and School Program Schedule

Saturday, October 3 | Sukkot

| **Congregational School classes & Junior Congregation**

| 10:15 – 11:15 am | **Nitzanim**

Monday, October 5 | 6:15 pm | Day School families Sukkah dinner

Thursday, October 8 | 6:00 pm | Congregational School Sukkah dinner

Saturday, October 10 | Shemini Atzeret

| **No school**

Sunday, October 11 | Simhat Torah | Come dance with the Torah!

Monday, October 12 | Columbus Day

| **No school**

Thursday, October 15 | 5:30 – 7:00 pm | Vav B'nei Mitzvah Program

Saturday, October 17 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm | Pre-K Shabbat

Saturday, October 17 | Congregational School classes & Junior Congregation

Wednesday, October 21 | 5:30 – 7:00 pm | Zayin B'nei Mitzvah program

Saturday, October 24 | Congregational School classes & Junior Congregation

Monday, October 26 | Zayin tefillin review | during school | please send tefillin with students

Wednesday, October 28 | Zayin tefillin review | during school | please send tefillin with students

Saturday, October 31 | 10:00 am – 12 noon | Shabbat B'yachad



From the Judah Nadich High School & the Youth Department

Our P.A.S. Judah Nadich High School and our Youth Department have had a tremendous beginning to what I'm sure will be a fantastic school year.

For over 30 years, the Judah Nadich High School has actively inspired the youth of this community to live meaningful Jewish lives and to positively affect the world around them. Always incorporating new trends in Jewish education, the High School has created a unique model that accommodates the versatile interests of students while not increasing the pressure they experience in an increasingly over-programmed secular youth culture. With our current staff of talented clergy members and educators, our students are gaining knowledge, having fun, and learning how to integrate their Jewish activities into their lives overall.

The High School Food Pantry has operated for 25 years and



is now the largest student-run Food Pantry in the country. With a stronger database system, and a growing relationship with the NYC Food Bank, the HS Food Pantry continues to grow both in size and perspective. For an awe-inspiring sight, come any Friday afternoon and see what these young adults are doing.

The Youth Department's goal is to have consistent activity for children of all ages here at P.A.S. From informal programs that the Congregational School runs on Shabbat mornings

to our new youth lounge, we are making sure that our youth feel as strongly connected to this community as any other member.

I welcome everyone who shares an interest in seeing our youth thrive to share your comments, and concerns with me at any time. I'm so happy to be a part of this community and I'm looking forward to meeting all of you in the near future.

Jason can be reached at 212-369-2600, x141 or joppenheimer@pasyn.org.

From Cantor Nancy Abramson

Poland to Israel – A Journey Through Time, July 2009



Part 2

“**W**alk all about Zion, encircle her: Count her towers, review her

ramparts, scan her citadels.” From the moment we participants on the Cantors Assembly mission landed in Israel, we began living these words of Psalm 48. The sole Park Avenue Synagogue representatives on this leg of the mission, my husband Mitch and I walked, sang, davenned and rejoiced with the people and land of Israel.

In Tel Aviv we had the honor of donating blood with the American Friends of Magen David Adom. My Russian technician and I, conversing in Hebrew, calculated the difference between a pint and liter donation of blood (a liter is slightly greater in volume).

On the way up to Jerusalem, Mitch and I, along with the other Cantors Assembly officers, paid a visit to the Masorti (Conservative) synagogue in Modi'in. The small shul had been vandalized that week, and we held a minha service there to show our solidarity with their congregation. We also left personal donations and pledged to strengthen our ties with the community once we returned home.

I had been charged with planning the “welcome to Jerusalem” ceremony for our group of 300. On the promenade of the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus, we were greeted by the mayor of Jerusalem, and we sang a *Shir Hama'alot* melody by Cantor Yossele Rosenblatt, who is buried just yards from where we stood.

One of the highlights of our week in

Israel was a visit with Rabbi Michael and Naomi Graetz. We drove to their home in Omer, a small suburb of Beer Sheva. Rabbi Graetz took us to Tel Beer Sheva, a nearby archeological site dating from the 4th century BCE. Our former Interim Rabbi is a regular visitor to the Tel. He shared his enthusiasm for the historic and military significance of the site, and took us down about 40 feet on steps hewn into rock, to the inside of a 2000 year old water cistern. We were then treated to a delicious lunch made by Naomi. The Graetzes send their regards to the entire Park Avenue Synagogue community.

Psalm 48 concludes, “*Then tell her story to later generations, tell of our God who will guide us forever.*” My travels in Poland renewed my energy to teach about our Jewish and musical heritage. While I cherish every visit to Israel, this one with colleagues strengthened my connections to the land, people and God of Israel.

Park Avenue Synagogue Artists:

Ellen Alt, Alan Davidson, Karen Glanternik, Karen Smul

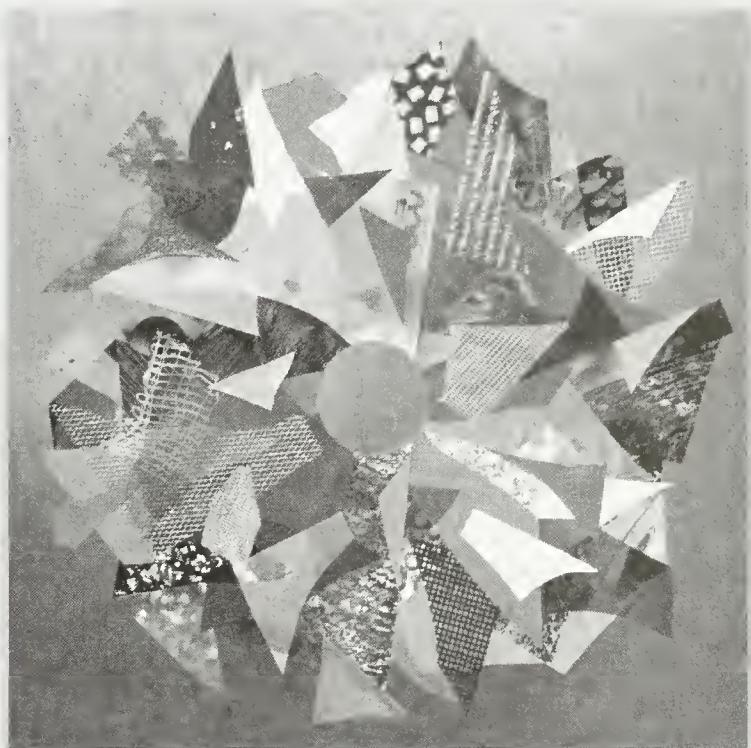
Park Avenue Synagogue is privileged to be the congregational home to a number of talented artists. The P.A.S. Gallery currently presents the creativity of a diverse group of artists, whose choices of mediums, materials, and styles convey the vitality and range of contemporary art. This exhibition inaugurates a series of shows in the coming years that will showcase the work of artists who are esteemed members of the P.A.S. community.

Ellen Alt, Artist-in-Residence at P.A.S., expresses her imagination through multi-layered collage and mixed media works that have been exhibited internationally and are in the collection of the White House.

Dr. Alan Davidson's oeuvre as a gifted silversmith includes innovative Jewish ceremonial art and jewelry that have been exhibited in major Jewish museums.

Karen Glanternik's expertise in faux finishing and design is reflected in her renowned painted furniture and objects that have been auctioned at Sotheby's and published in *House Beautiful* and *House and Garden* magazines.

Karen Smul's powerful photography encompasses documentary, landscape, and portrait works, including images of Park Avenue's clergy, milestone events, and art collection, that have been widely exhibited and published.



"Alt Azrieli - circle" by Ellen Alt

Coming in November!

Artists' Talks & Gallery Reception

The four artists will discuss their work and what it means to be a Jewish artist.

Film Series at P.A.S.

Inheritance

Directed by James Moll

Tuesday, October 27 | 7:00 pm

The story of Monika Hertwig, daughter of mass murderer Amon Goeth, who has spent her life in the shadow of her father's sins, trying to come to terms with her "inheritance." She seeks out Helen Jonas, who was enslaved by Goeth and who is one of the few living eyewitnesses to his unspeakable brutality. The women's raw, emotional meeting uncovers terrible truths and lingering questions about how the actions of our parents can continue to ripple through generations.

A discussion after the film will be moderated by Menachem Rosensaft, past President of P.A.S., Founding Chairman of the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, and Adjunct Professor of Law at Cornell Law School.



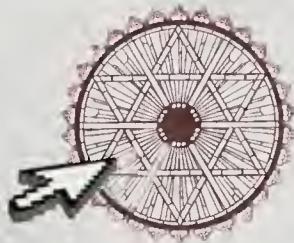
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Jane Revasch, *in honor of her birthday.*

Vivian Finkel Education Fund

Robin Aronson, *in memory of Vivian Finkel.*

Dr. & Mrs. Mark Gutt, *in memory of Vivian Finkel.*

Sarah I. Gelman Memorial Fund

Evelyn Gelman, *in memory of her beloved father-in-law Abraham Gelman.*

Graetz Israel Fund

Howard & Nan Rubin.

Irene Winkelman, *in honor of Rabbi Graetz.*

Hesed Fund

Carol Antler, *in honor of her birthday.*

High School Food Pantry

Richard Bass, *with thanks to Chris Riccardi.*

Richard Bass, *wishing Happy Anniversary to Mark & Phyllis Levine and a speedy recovery for Phyllis.*

Richard Bass & Family, *in memory of Stu & Al Gladstone's mother.*

Richard Jamie & Jeremy Bass, *in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Skip Farber's mother.*

Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Feinberg.

Esther Gelber, *in memory of her beloved father Herbert D. Gelber.*

Barbara Sherr.

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Library Fund

Drs. Dana & David Shani, *in memory of their parents.*

Liturgical Music Fund

Babette H. Balis, *in memory of her beloved mother Julia Hoexter.*

Elaine, Eric & Elliot Balis, *in memory of our nanny Julia.*

Harriet & Herb Feiwell, *in memory of Cantor Jacob Lefkowitz, father of Cantor David Lefkowitz.*

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Albert & Rachel Murad Memorial Scholarship Fund

Doris & Henry Murad, *in memory of Joanne Lemelman.*

Doris & Henry Murad, *in memory of Eddie Nabi.*

Doris & Henry Murad, *in honor of their birthdays.*

Prayer Book Fund

Joanne Davis, *in memory of her beloved mother Bertha Victorsohn.*

Welfare Fund

Drs. Michael & Ilana Cohen.

Patricia Fuchs, *in memory of her beloved father Jacob Prashker.*

Barbara G. Robbins, *in memory of my dearest mother Deborah Grad.*

Synagogue Offerings

Ahou Abroon, *in memory of her beloved grandmother Touba Soumekh.*

Ahou Abroon, *in memory of her beloved grandfather Yaghoub Banayan.*

Dr. John Abroon, *in memory of his beloved grandfather Shemoel Benhuri.*

Albert Appel, *in memory of his beloved father Morris "Dick" Appel.*

Dale Berger, *in memory of her beloved father Alfred Koslow.*

Dr. Ronald Bland, *in memory of his beloved mother Rose Bland.*

Bernard Breslin, *in memory of his beloved father Charles Breslin.*

Constance Breslin, *in memory of her beloved sister Susan Montesarchio.*

Carol Yavers Cohen, *in memory of her beloved mother Estelle Yavers.*

Linda Combs, *in memory of Beatrice Brodman.*

Harvey Comita, *in honor of his birthday.*

Dr. Arturo Constantiner, *in memory of his beloved brother Teodoro Constantiner.*

Kathy & David C. Cook.

Anne & Dean Drapin, *to honor the celebration of Sidney Rosoff's 85th birthday.*

Florence K. Edelstein, *in memory of her beloved husband Judge David N. Edelstein.*

Irene Eisenberg, *in memory of her beloved father Samuel Gershenson.*

Irene Eisenberg, *in memory of her beloved husband Alex Eisenberg.*

Bernard Feinberg, *in memory of his beloved mother Libby Feinberg.*

Frederick & Susan Friedman, *in honor of their anniversary.*

Eugenie Fromer, *in memory of her beloved husband Leon Fromer.*

Sarah Gelber, *in memory of her beloved father-in-law Jacob Gelber.*

Sarah Gelber, *in memory of her beloved father Michael Azaryad.*

Sarah Gelber, *in memory of her beloved brother Mordohay Azaryad.*

Sonia Grinberg, *in memory of her beloved father Nusan Crugliac.*

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A Look Ahead

Sunday, November 8 | 11:00 am | Memorial Service for beloved teacher Vivian Finkel

Sunday, November 16 – Friday, November 20 | Book Fair & Hanukkah Boutique

Grand Opening on Monday evening, together with New Member Reception. Shop, hear author talks, and listen to stories all week long at times to be announced.

Sunday, November 22 | Vicki K. Wimpfheimer Mitzvah Day 2009

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